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SUBJECT: IDB PROJECT SITE VISIT

REF: A) STATE 59797; B) MEXICO 2446; C) MEXICO 3445

1. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM EMB AND FROM U.S.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PORGES WHO WAS RECENTLY IN MEXICO,
TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL GROUP NOW PLANNING TWO DAYS AND
NIGHTS IN YUCATAN. ANTICIPATE ARRIVAL IN CANCUN ABOUT
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10:00 A.M. MONDAY MAY 26 FROM GUATEMALA. WE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE BRIEFING UPON ARRIVAL AND VISIT CANCUN PROJECT. IN
LATE AFTERNOON GROUP WOULD FLY TO MERIDA. ON TUESDAY,

GROUP COULD PERHAPS HAVE BRIEF LOOK AT AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AND VISIT NEARBY RUINS. DEPARTURE WOULD BE WEDNESDAY MORNING MAY 28.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMB MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR 30 DOUBLE ROOMS IN MERIDA FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 26-27. CODEL NOT YET FIRM BUT HAVE REASON TO EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL PARTICIPATION. ALSO PLEASE BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN CANCUN AND MERIDA.

3. PROJECT VISIT TRIP HAS GOM APPROVAL (DEPUTY MIN FIN BETETA TO PROGES) AND IS UNDER AUSPICES OF IDB. EMB SHOULD

COORDINATE WITH GOM AND IDB RESIDENT REP IN SETTING UP PROJECT VISIT. IMPORTANT TO ASSURE GOOD BRIEFING SESSION IN CANCUN STRESSING TOURISM PROJECT AS LOGICAL USE OF AREA'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND AS HAVING WIDESPREAD BENEFITS IN TERMS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AREA'S LOW-INCOME GROUPS. WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON PROJECT VISIT AND ITINERARY.

4. WE WILL PREPARE SPECIFIC BRIEFING MATERIALS HERE IN CONJUNCTION WITH IDB MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATE WITH EMB AND LOCAL IDB REP ON PREPARATION OF FINAL BRIEFING PAPERS. WE WOULD EXPECT IDB REP AND TREASURY ATTACHE TO ACCOMPANY GROUP ON VISIT. OTHER EMBASSY AND CONSULATE PARTICIPATION WELCOME.

5. TREASURY ADMIN OFF GERALD COE WILL CONTACT EMB WITH FURTHER LOGISTICAL DETAILS. TREASURY FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REIMBURSE EMB FOR ALL EXPENSES INCURRED ON BEHALF OF PARTY.

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